

## NATIONAL LEAGUE WILL START SEASON ON APRIL 17

## CLASH ON OPENINGS IN MAJORS LIKELY

American League May Support Johnson in His Stand for April 11.

## LANDIS CERTAIN TO ACT

Baseball Circles Puzzled by Ban's Attitude—Mack Has 'Em Buzzing.

By DANIEL.

That the National League will open its season on April 17—a week later than usual—irrespective of what action the American League may take at its meeting next week was the information which came to us yesterday from a reliable source. A man prominent in the National League declared that Ban Johnson had voted in favor of the later opening at a joint meeting of the majors in Chicago last summer and that the old circuit was puzzled by the attitude assumed by Ban in the last few days.

Johnson has declared lately that he is in favor of opening at the usual time and has named April 11 as the date which appeals to him. It is understood that he is going into the annual meeting determined to put forward that proposition. If the National League decides on the 17th and the American on the 11th it will be clearly a case for Judge Landis. His commission as chief of the baseball clubs empowers him to iron out such difficulties. And he is a persuasive ironer.

Johnson has all baseball men guessing, including those in his own league. They are wondering what he is after, what he has up his sleeve and what grievance he has against the National League. They are surprised at the stand he has taken against Judge Landis and await interesting developments. They still cannot figure why Johnson, after arranging with John Heydler and Judge Landis to have the American League meet here next week, switched to Chicago.

## Locals Want Later Date.

The decision to open the major league season a week later than usual was made last summer at the behest of the two New York clubs and the Pittsburgh and Boston Nationals. Both the Giants and the Yankees want all the time they can get to put their parks in shape in the spring. The National League is reconstructing the plant on the Harlem and the Yankees, of course, are building their new park.

Pittsburgh wants the later inaugural so that, for the first time in years and years, it may open its season at Forbes Field. Boston naturally wants an opening as early as it can get up there in the cool breezes from Cape Cod.

It has been stated that the National League's opening a week later than usual would mean closing a week later, about October 8—and a world series a week later than has been the custom. This impression is erroneous. The league will wind up its campaign at the usual time and will make up for the week lost at the start by playing on dates which hitherto have been off days. This may mean more double headers, for last season's many postponed games were played off on days which had called for no contests on the original schedule.

## Mack's Astonishing Move.

Baseball circles keep buzzing about Connie Mack's astounding purchase. They will keep buzzing about that startling, epoch-making event for weeks and weeks. It's difficult to realize that Mack, once the champion seller of the majors, has gone out and paid \$75,000 to Portland for Sammy Hale, a third baseman. Incidentally, when Charley Ebbets announced years ago, as said wild laughter, that baseball still was in its infancy he knew where he stood, and the times do move.

Of course, Mack is not going to pay that sum in cash. A good part of it will be dispatched to Portland in the form of players. That sort of thing holds good in all of the high priced purchases. But Mack will pay at least \$35,000 in real coin of the realm—and that's startling enough.

Hale was a fair hitter but a bad man at bat. He was the greatest of the men from the Texas League. Toward the close of the 1921 season, when Ty Cobb arranged a deal with Portland for Pichers Pillette and Johnson, he had Hale to the Braves in part payment. He has a good arm and is a fast man on the bases. Portland insured him for \$25,000 at the close of the 1921 season. The Hale case is a parallel to that of Pinelli of the Reds, who was bought last winter from Oakland of the Coast League for \$35,000. Pinelli also had a trial with Detroit and had been sent down again because he could not hit.

## A Lot of News Held Back.

There must have been a lot of business done at Louisville, but mighty little was given out. The Hale deal was the only real bit of news released, for Connie could not contain himself until he got home. Without question Charley Ebbets did considerable bartering there and his return to Flatbush this afternoon will be awaited eagerly by the fans across the bridges.

As John McGraw remained in New York, it is not likely that the Giants did anything at the minor league conclave. The Yankees, of course, have been the deal for Babe May and found that the owner of the Vernon club was in New York attending a brewers' convention. So that little transaction will have to be consummated here.

Baseball men still want \$75,000 worth of players for the left hander. That seems to be a favorite suit out on the coast.

Mails Goes to Coast League.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7.—Walter Mails, a left handed pitcher of the Cleveland American League for the last two seasons, was released by President E. S. Barnard today to the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast League. Mails joined the Cleveland team in 1920 and was the deciding factor in the Indians winning the American League championship that year when he won seven straight games.

## Huggins Hikes to Gotham for Confab With Bosses

Demi-Tasse Manager on Board Ivory Limited and Hint Is Given That Object of Visit May Be Important Changes in Yankees.

By W. O. McGEHEAN.

ON BOARD THE IVORY LIMITED HOMEWARD BOUND, Dec. 7.—Miller Huggins, the demitasse manager of the Yankees, boarded this rattler to-day and is dashing to New York for a conference with Col. Jacob Ruppert and Col. Tillinghast L'Hommiedieu Huston. The subject of the conference is shrouded in mystery, but it is announced semi-officially that it will have nothing to do with the Turkish situation or the conference at Lausanne. The chances are that it portends a drastic shaking up of the expensive Yankee athletes and the reorganization of the team on the basis of one-half of one per cent.

The aisles of the cars are cluttered up with baseball magnates. Mr. Huggins is being personally conducted to the conference by Cousin Egbert Barrow, business manager of the Yankees, and Robert Conery, the Yankee scout, is acting as aide-de-camp. Charles H. Ebbetts, the 39-year-old squire of Flatbush, having recovered from the fit of melancholia into which he had been plunged by the rapacity of the small ivory dealers, is hurrying home preparatory to making a trip to Europe. It is said that Mr. Ebbetts will return with a bundle of German marks for the purpose of purchasing ball players for the Brooklyn club.

Others on the Ivory Limited are G. Washington Grant, president of the Braves; Larry Graver, secretary of the Boston Red Sox; Gene McCann, the Bridgeport Beau Brummell, and James T. Tierney, secretary of the Giants. Lesser lights are parked in the upper berths, while the baggage car ahead is stocked with bits of ivory, trophies of the expedition.

## McCann Saves the Day—or Night.

It was fortunate that Mr. Gene McCann consented to join this expedition. As drivers descended it was found that the headlight of the locomotive was defective and that the Ivory Special might have to wait over until daylight. Mr. McCann solved the problem immediately. He placed one of his largest diamonds at the disposal of the engineer, who inserted it into the lamp. We are now proceeding at full speed through Ohio, but from wires received by the trainmen the farmers of the section are complaining at being kept awake by the comet. Still, as Mr. McCann with his native Bridgeport originality remarked, "You can't please everybody."

As your correspondent left Louisville the Ivory Market remained firm, not to say solid. A market bulletin announced that Mr. McGillicuddy of Philadelphia had paid \$75,000 rubies instead of \$75,000 for Sam Hale, the Pacific coast third baseman. This bulletin had much to do with the restoration of normalcy. It is a high price to pay for a ball player even in rubies.

August Hermann, the Burgomaster of Cincinnati, was at the scene, too, to see your correspondent off. Before departing the Burgomaster presented him with a bon voyage fitch of pickles. "These Dills will loosen the digestion," he said. "They will be at the same time as the pickles of the National Commission at the Laundry Club Pickling Place. I now invite you to be my guest for the world series, which, of course, will be one-half of it in Cincinnati."

## The Squire Waxes Original.

Squire Ebbetts, though recovered from the first shock, is still saddened over the rapacity of baseball players and ivory dealers. "Baseball," said the squire, "is the threes of financial hysteria. Forty years ago I predicted that baseball would be ruined by high salaries and high prices for the athletes. I feel that my prediction may come true any day now." Did you hear that mink from the

## New Orleans Results.

FIRST RACE—Purse \$700; for two-year-olds; claiming. Five furlongs. Setting Sun, 115 (Smallwood), 5 to 1 and 5 to 2, won; "The Blues," 115 (E. Pugh), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Admiral, 115 (Corcoran), 11 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:24.5. Payout, \$15.00. Second RACE—Purse \$700; for three-year-olds and upward; claiming. Five furlongs. Royal Dick, 115 (Owens), 9 to 5 and 5 to 2, won; "The Blues," 115 (E. Pugh), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Admiral, 115 (Corcoran), 11 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:24.5. Payout, \$15.00. Third RACE—Purse \$700; for three-year-olds and upward; claiming. Five furlongs. Mary G., 102 (Corcoran), 9 to 2, 2 to 1 and 1 to 2, won; "The Blues," 115 (E. Pugh), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Admiral, 115 (Corcoran), 11 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:24.5. Payout, \$15.00. Fourth RACE—Purse \$700; for three-year-olds and upward; claiming. Five furlongs. Mary G., 102 (Corcoran), 9 to 2, 2 to 1 and 1 to 2, won; "The Blues," 115 (E. Pugh), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Admiral, 115 (Corcoran), 11 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:24.5. Payout, \$15.00. Fifth RACE—Purse \$700; for three-year-olds and upward; claiming. Five furlongs. Mary G., 102 (Corcoran), 9 to 2, 2 to 1 and 1 to 2, won; "The Blues," 115 (E. Pugh), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Admiral, 115 (Corcoran), 11 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:24.5. Payout, \$15.00. Sixth RACE—Purse \$700; for three-year-olds and upward; claiming. Five furlongs. Mary G., 102 (Corcoran), 9 to 2, 2 to 1 and 1 to 2, won; "The Blues," 115 (E. Pugh), 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Admiral, 115 (Corcoran), 11 to 5, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:24.5. Payout, \$15.00.

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## Washington Heights Wins.

Washington Heights Evening High School broke the tie for the leadership in the Evening High School Basketball League tournament last night by defeating New York Evening by the score of 29 to 18 on the home court of the victors. Washington led at half time by 6 to 4. E. Meunier, forward star of Washington Heights, knicker, edged seven field goals, and proved the deciding factor in the victory.

## Foremans Defeats Conti.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Edward Foreman, 18-2 balking brawler champion of Belgium, tonight clocked off the final career of his 1,800 point match with Roger Conti, French champion. Conti at the end of the three days' play had run off only 37 innings, completed his total in 37 innings, averaging 48 24-37.

## Columbus Sells Shannon.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 7.—The Columbus American Association club sold outfielder Joe Shannon to Memphis of the Southern Association and purchased outfielder Bill from the Toledo club at the baseball meeting at Louisville, according to word received here.

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## BAN JOHNSON WON'T LISTEN TO OWNERS

Yankees and Other Clubs Fail in Effort to Have Meeting Here.

The tempest in the baseball tempest

stirred by Ban Johnson's action in transferring to Chicago the meeting of the American League set for next Wednesday in this city is rapidly reaching the hurricane stage. Club owners, led by the New York organization, have besieged the president of the circuit with demands to alter his decision and hold the annual meeting in New York, but all without avail.

Mr. Johnson, in response to a wire from the owners of the Yankees, which was endorsed by the Philadelphia, Cleveland and Detroit teams, all formerly recognized as staunch supporters of the policies of the league head, indicated a willingness to compromise. He agreed to advance the date of the American League meeting from Wednesday to Monday in Chicago, so that the owners could also attend the meeting called by Judge Landis in New York Thursday.

## De Palma Is Stranger in a Strange Bastille

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Ralph de Palma, noted race driver serving time in the county jail here for speeding, has only one complaint, he told Earl Cooper, another race driver, who visited him there. De Palma is "peevish," he declared, because he is the only inmate in the county prison not convicted of prohibition law violations.

coast speak of thirty thousand dollars in a most irrelevant tone? Why, I almost detected a note of levity in his voice as he mentioned his majestic sum. That is a good phrase, don't you think, financial hysteria? "made it."

G. Washington Grant has purchased a job lot of ivory, but prefers to make no announcement until he reaches his beloved Boston. Mr. Grant looks a bit peaked. He is pinning the slopes of Bunker Hill and he misses his native foods, the bean and the cod.

Miller Huggins seems quite recovered from the astonishment he suffered as the result of the late lamented world's series. His mind is full of trades of greater magnitude than any that have been made in the Ivory Market. Of the Yankee outfield it is fairly safe to predict that only Babe Ruth will remain in when the season starts. It is more than highly probable that Lanky Bob Meusel will be tucking his long legs under some bench other than that of the Yankees. The Yank manager has been waiting with much patience for Lanky Bob to find himself and the long one seems to be still lost.

## Witt's Standing in Doubt.

Just what the position of Whitey Witt, the agile Albin, will be hard to predict. It is acknowledged that the Albin, through his own sheer grit actually won the pennant for the Yankees last season. But if the deal which he will accompany the team as a mere spectator most of the time.

Mays, the soft shell crab who pitches the submarine ball, is another problem to be taken up and solved at the conference of the colonels and the demitasse manager. Mays was almost waived out as a warning of what may come, but was claimed by the burgomaster as he was being waived rapidly past Cincinnati. Thereupon the

## Billiard Results

Three games were played last night in the Manhattan hand-pick pocket billiard tournament at the Recreation Billiard Academy. In the first J. J. Hickey (53) defeated J. E. Miller (40) by a score of 10 to 7. In the second (49) defeated E. T. Linson (28) by 60 to 24, and in a third match of even handicaps Frank Keegan was the winner over Harry Longo, 45 to 43.

Albert Thomas, 100 to 32, in their match of the snooker tournament at Doyle's Billiard Academy last night. In the three cushion tournament at the same place, Harry Meagher, 25 to 23.

Harry Wakefield of Milwaukee and Bob Cannetax split even in two games of the interstate cushion billiard tournament played yesterday at Strand Billiard Academy. Cannetax won the afternoon contest, 50 to 37, in 68 innings. Wakefield took the evening game, 50 to 41, in 74 innings.

The nineteenth game of the New York State professional pocket billiard tournament being played at Lawler's, Brooklyn, E. Matale won from Louis Kreuter last night, 125 to 78. In the Class C rated ballroom tourney at the same room Robert Blair defeated James H. Clemens, 100 to 74.

L. A. Servatius, playing through champion, defeated the three winners last night in the New York State amateur three cushion billiard championship tournament at the Brooklyn Recreation Billiard Academy. Servatius defeated J. J. Brussel, 39 to 23. In the other two matches Charles Hanf defeated Peter Farace, 30 to 28, and M. W. Leske downed Harry Longenecker, 30 to 28.

## With the Scholastic Athletes

Sixteen members of the Brooklyn Prep football team, winner of the Brooklyn Catholic schools championship, have been awarded their letters for the 1922 season. Father Oates, faculty director of athletics, presented the following boys with the "BP": Ralph Porey, captain; Tom Prendergast, Joe Tierney, Quick La Borne, Artie O'Connor, Leonard Tiernan, Frank Conlin, Wally Loughran, Eddie Torrey, Tip O'Neill, Gene Kenny, Herb Harrison, Ed Cassidy, Dan Brady, Jim Breslin and Frank Kane, manager.

Andrew Dagon was chosen manager of the baseball team for 1923, and Jack Moakley, his assistant. Jim Granger was appointed manager of the eleven for next year.

A Ralph Crossman will lead the Manual Training High School boys next year. He has been unanimously elected to the captaincy. Crossman succeeds Harold Lange, who won the high prep school championship of the Greater New York run. Crossman took fourteenth in the borough run and twentieth position in the city championship.

Alex Borak of Boys High school has been chosen captain of the Red and Black cross-country team for next year.

Charles Model, director of games of the fourteenth annual indoor meet of the Eastern District High School, which will be held to-morrow at the armory and Passaic, 20-6.

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## Once Great Morvich Shipped to Kentucky

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.—MORVICH, the three-year-old colt, which was the champion juvenile last year and came out last spring heralded as another Man o' War and later won the Kentucky Derby, started for his permanent home in Kentucky yesterday afternoon. He left the Jamaica track in charge of a negro from Miss Elizabeth Dunsenfield's, Haylands Farm in Lexington.

To see the once famous thoroughbred on his journey only his owner, Benjamin Block, was present. While the colt was being led into the train horsesmen at other stables looked on silently, and as the train started on its way one of them remarked:

"How the mighty has fallen!" In the spring Morvich was almost always surrounded by crowds. To see him work in the mornings thousands of lovers of a great thoroughbred were at the course before daylight. There was a vast difference yesterday when only his owner came to see him depart.

## Minor Leaguers Select Chicago for 1923 Session

Windy City Made Provisional Choice at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7 (Associated Press).—Reaching a decision to hold their 1923 convention in Chicago, provided Commissioner Landis calls a joint meeting in Chicago, the minor leaguers concluded their annual meeting here tonight without any more startling trades or sales being made.

The decision to hold their convention next year at the same time of the joint session was the result of a suggestion by Commissioner Landis, who informed the minor leaguers of his desire to have all the baseball leaders together in the same city at one time.

If the major leaguers do not hold a joint session, however, the minors will meet in Nashville, Tenn., for next fall's convention, while consideration also was given to West Baden, Ind. The constitution of the association provides, however, that the annual meeting shall be held in a city belonging to a minor league, but this was amended so that the meeting could be held in Chicago in conjunction with the majors.

Secretary John H. Farrell and President M. H. Sexton were authorized to select the city for the 1923 convention, and they assured Commissioner Landis that his wishes that a meeting of the minors be held along with the majors would be respected.

## Carpenter-Townley Bout Is Accepted by Descamps

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Francis Descamps, manager for Georges Carpentier, ex-heavyweight champion of Europe, has accepted an offer for Georges to meet Arthur Townley, the English heavyweight, in April at the stadium in Prague. The bout is the result of the association provided, however, that the annual meeting shall be held in a city belonging to a minor league, but this was amended so that the meeting could be held in Chicago in conjunction with the majors.

Carpentier said this afternoon that while training he would be glad to have a tryout, preferably with Battling Siki, provided the latter agrees to risk fighting for the reputation he was "lucky enough to win." Carpentier's hand is still too much damaged for fighting, but he will be ready to begin serious training early next month.

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